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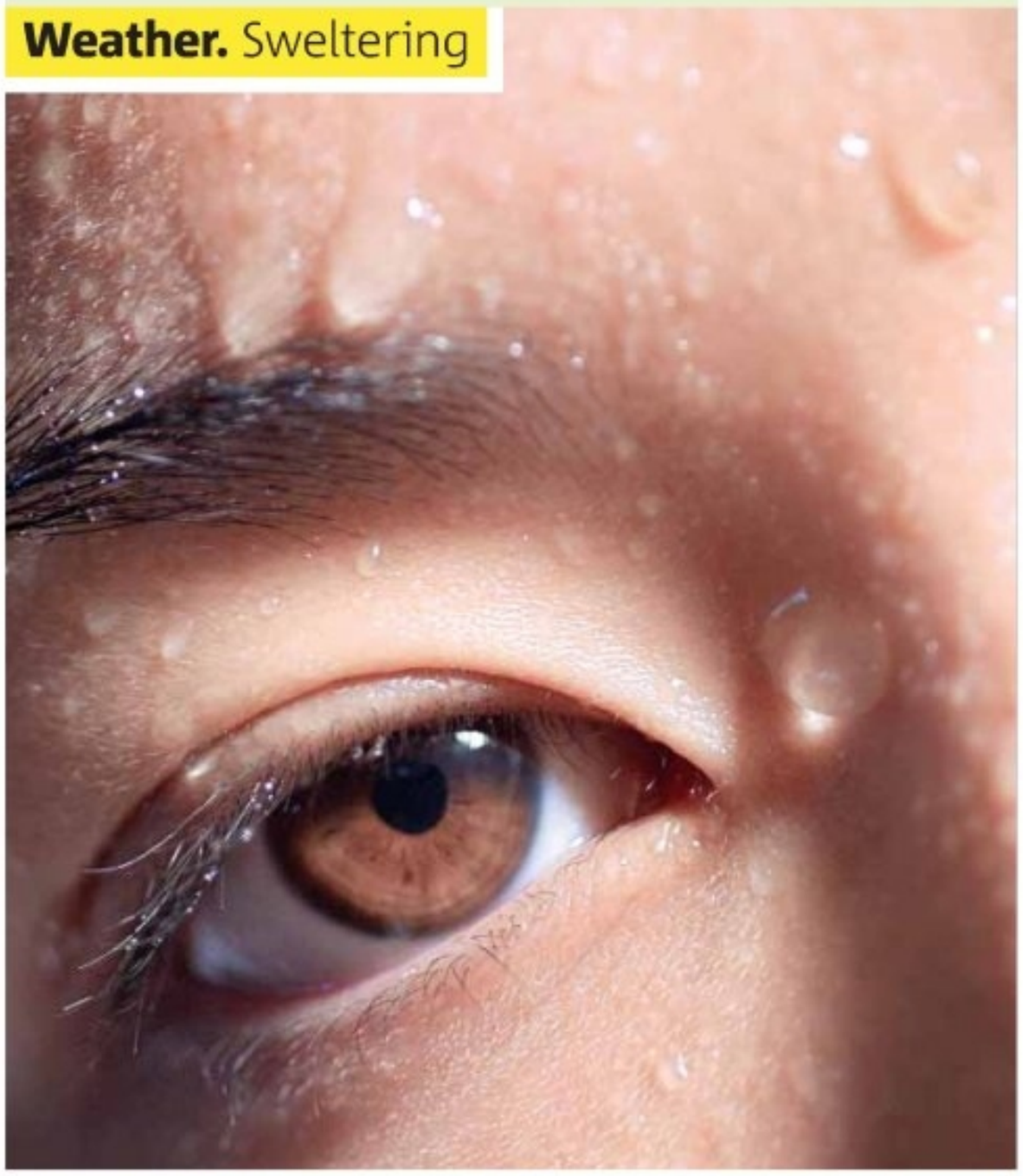

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Temperatures are expected to soar this week as the city prepares for an intense heat wave. Officials issued an air quality advisory yesterday, citing that the sizzling weather can cause ground-level ozone, a major component of smog. METRO

Families of 9/11 want in on News Corp. probe

- WTC victims' kin offer their help to FBI
- Hacking scandal causes second police chief to resign in London
- Murdoch, son, former editor to testify today {pages 02, 06}

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- It's not summer at the beach without Danielle Steel {page 12}

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In the news

Ex-trader admits threats

Vincent McCrudden, a former commodities trader who worked on Wall Street for more than 20 years, pleaded guilty yesterday to threatening to kill more than 40 financial regulators, including the head of the Securities and Exchange Commission. REUTERS

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KITTENS ACT OUT HARRY POTTER

Cops: Rabbi threatened man's life

LAKEWOOD, N.J. A New Jersey rabbi surrendered to authorities yesterday on charges of kidnapping an Israeli man. Rabbi David Wax, 49, and at least two unidentified men beat the man and promised to bury him alive in the Poconos if he did not agree to a traditional Jewish divorce, the complaint alleges. Under Jewish law, in order to finalize a divorce, the husband must grant his wife a "get," a document that permits her to remarry. Wax also allegedly told the man's father that he would kill him and his son unless he paid $100,000 to the wife's family. REUTERS

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▶ Social Bar

Bar assault conviction

HELL'S KITCHEN. A Pennsylvania man pleaded guilty yesterday to a brutal attack on a woman in a Hell's Kitchen bar. The Manhattan district attorney's office said Mbarek Lafrem, 32, pleaded guilty to attacking a woman at Social Bar in March 2010, punching her in the bathroom and leaving her lying unconscious on the floor. He will be sentenced in September. METRO/AB

Dead woman found on beach

BATH BEACH. Police say a woman was killed and her body stuffed into a plastic bag in a shopping cart that washed up on the shore in Bath Beach on Sunday. Police found the body just before 7 p.m. Sunday, when they responded to a 911 call about a possible floater at Bay 20th Street and Shore Parkway. Her body has yet to be identified. METRO/CB

FiDi. Charmed, we're sure

▶ A snake handler tempts passers-by in Lower Manhattan yesterday.

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Snakes in the city

Dee Omar, 22, a medical student visiting the city from Sweden, dared to touch one of two snakes held by a snake handler yesterday on Broadway in Lower Manhattan. The snake handler, who declined to provide his name, entertained tourists yesterday with the slithery reptiles. METRO/AB

Victims group: We want hack-gate intel

Victims' relatives reach out to FBI offering help, looking for answers
News Corp. defended by WSJ in editorial But critics are not convinced

For the past week, family members of 9/11 victims stood idly by as the international phone-hacking scandal shook Rupert Murdoch's media empire.

Yesterday, they took a stand.

An outspoken group of family members issued a public letter to the FBI and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, asking to be included in the FBI's probe of Murdoch's News Corp.

"It is upsetting that there now exists an allegation that a newspaper would seek to illegally obtain information about their loved ones, and perhaps even their own personal lives, and exploit it for profit," said their lawyer, Norman Siegel. "We need to determine whether or not such unconscionable acts in fact took place."

▶ Political fallout across the pond {page 06}

"You can delegate authority but not responsibility. We cannot put businesses above the law."
SALLY REGENHARD OF MURDOCH

"We want to find out what's going on," said Sally Regenhard, who lost her firefighter son, Christian, in the towers.

The letter was addressed to Holder, FBI Director Robert Mueller, and Rep. John Conyers of the House Judiciary Committee.

Yesterday, News Corp. stocks continued to fall, as Murdoch's flagship U.S. property, The Wall Street Journal, attempted damage control by publishing a defensive editorial accusing media rivals of "schadenfreude."

"We trust that readers can see through the commercial and ideological motives of our competitor-critics," the editorial read.

But Todd Gitlin, a Columbia University media ethics professor, called the op-ed "disingenuous."

"It is a dishonest piece of right-wing propaganda. This is a case of doing the boss's bidding," he said. "It deserves no respect."

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▶ Ja Rule

More prison time

NEW JERSEY. Jailed rapper Ja Rule was sentenced in federal court in New Jersey yesterday to 28 months in prison for failing to pay more than $1 million in taxes.

The 35-year-old hip-hop singer and actor, whose real name is Jeffrey Atkins, is already serving a two-year jail sentence on a weapons conviction in New York. REUTERS

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According to prosecutors, Atkins did not pay taxes from 2004 to 2008, costing the U.S. government more than $1.1 million.

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City cameras multiply

As politicians call for more store surveillance, Bloomberg adds traffic cameras Video footage helped find 8-year-old's body

By the numbers

400

There are 400 traffic cameras recording NYC cars.

3,700

The MTA has 3,700 cameras on city subways.

6,300

The New York City Housing Authority has 6,300 cameras in its 484 buildings.

Video footage from three different security cameras is what helped lead detectives to the body of 8-year-old Leiby Kletzky last week.

Those three cameras are part of thousands placed strategically around New York. And soon, that number will multiply.

Yesterday, Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced the city will add 32 traffic cameras in Midtown, as well as E-ZPass readers at 23 intersections.

Brooklyn Assemblyman Dov Hikind, from the Borough Park neighborhood where Kletzky lived, plans to introduce a bill, dubbed "Leiby's Initiative," which will give a $500 tax credit to property owners who install surveillance cameras outside their stores.

Former NYPD officer Mike Codella said video footage is vital to cracking cases. When he patrolled the Lower East Side in the '90s, he explains, stores rarely had outdoor cameras and routinely reused their VHS tapes, so after five days, the footage was gone.

The video of Kletzky saved police hours of footwork, Codella said — and sped up catching his alleged killer.

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▶ MTA Chairman Jay Walder and Mayor Michael Bloomberg stand in front of cameras feeding in from subways stations to the NYPD's Lower Manhattan Command Center.

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Father accused of hiding bomb plot

Prosecutors say Mohammed Zazi helped destroy chemicals his son planned to use in subway scheme

A Colorado man lied to FBI agents and helped destroy chemicals used by his son to build homemade bombs intended for an attack on New York City's subway system, a prosecutor said at trial yesterday.

Afghanistan-born U.S. citizen Mohammed Zazi, 55, is on trial for charges of obstructing the investigation into a plot by his son, Najibullah Zazi, 26, to bomb the subway in 2009.

In opening arguments to a Brooklyn federal court jury, prosecutor Andrew Goldsmith said the FBI was frantically trying to stop a suspected attack when they showed up on Mohammed Zazi's doorstep in Aurora, Colo., in September 2009.

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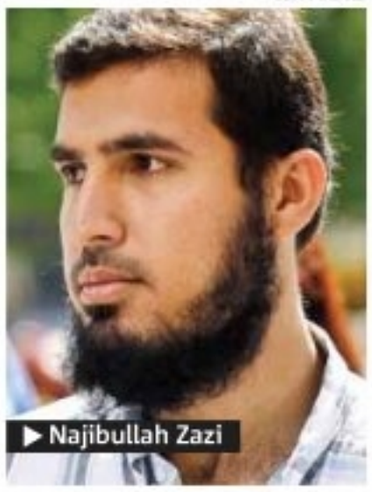

▶ Najibullah Zazi

Goldsmith said that Mohammed Zazi's efforts to thwart the investigation included telling family members to lie and helping to destroy chemicals, masks and other evidence.

"In the midst of trying to stop this terrorist attack on New York City, the FBI wasted time and resources trying to untangle the defendant's lies," Goldsmith told jurors.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder called the plot the most serious security threat in the United States since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Najibullah Zazi admitted to having traveled to Pakistan, where he was recruited by al Qaeda and received bomb-making instructions.

When he returned, he put into motion a plan to bomb the New York City subway system near the Sept. 11 anniversary. REUTERS

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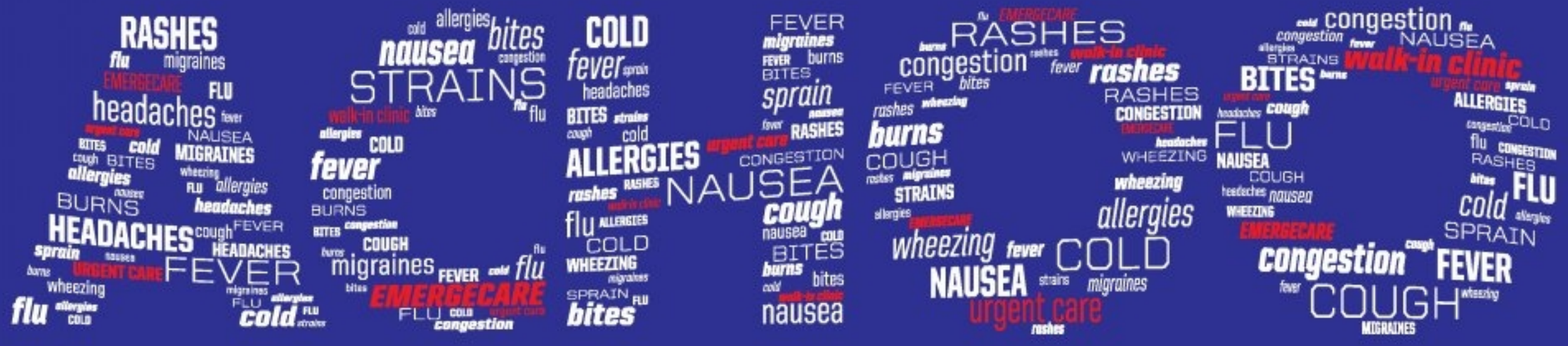

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▶ Anthony's in hiding.

Casey Anthony kept safe

ORLANDO, FLA. An attorney for Casey Anthony would not confirm yesterday whether his client boarded a plane after her swift weekend exit from jail but said "elaborate plans" were required to keep her safe.

Anthony's whereabouts have been a closely guarded secret since her release early Sunday after nearly three years in custody on charges connected to the 2008 death of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee.

A Florida jury acquitted Anthony, 25, on July 5 of killing Caylee — but convicted her of lying to detectives during the search for the then-missing child. Caylee's remains were found in December 2008 in woods near the Anthony family home. **REUTERS**

Pakistan, India in focus

NEW DELHI. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton hopes to cement ties with emerging global

power India during talks in New Delhi today — while also heading off new frictions with fragile U.S. ally, Pakistan.

Clinton's two-day trip to India, her second as secretary of state, follows President Barack Obama's visit last November and underscores Washington's growing bonds with the world's second-most populous country and its $1.6 trillion economy. **REUTERS**

News Corp. scandal claims more heads

UK politics shaken up as Murdoch hack-gate continues to raise questions
Both parties are involved **Whistleblower who started it all found dead**

Prime Minister of the United Kingdom David Cameron cut short a trip to Africa to defend himself from a scandal that has battered Rupert Murdoch's media empire, forced British police chiefs to resign and raised doubts about the prime minister's judgment.

Cameron will be in Nigeria during a showdown in a parliamentary committee room today when Murdoch himself, along with his son James and former top executive Rebekah Brooks, will face questions from lawmakers on what they knew when of payments by tabloid journalists to officers in the Metropolitan Police and of the hacking of voicemails of possibly thousands of people.

News on July 4 that British police were investigating whether journalists in 2002 had hacked voicemail for a murdered teenager has reignited a 5-year-old scandal which once had seemed limited to spying on the rich, famous and powerful. Ten journalists have been arrested and released on bail.

The arrest on Sunday of the 43-year-old Brooks, a personal friend of Cameron and former editor of the News of the World, and the resignation of Metropolitan Police commissioner Paul Stephenson, left Cameron looking exposed in defending his own conduct in an affair that has triggered public outrage at cozy relations among the elites of the press, politics and police. **REUTERS**

"It's not necessarily something we would expect to have a huge impact on voting intentions — particularly because ... it involves both main parties."
HELEN CLEARY, HEAD OF POLITICAL RESEARCH FOR POLLSTER IPSOS MORI

Suspicious death?

Sean Hoare, a former journalist who told the New York Times that phone hacking at News of the World was more extensive than the paper had acknowledged at the time, has been found dead.

Police said they were not treating the death as suspicious.

NASA VIA GETTY IMAGES

NASA. End of an era

▶ NASA astronaut Sandy Magnus, mission specialist for space shuttle Atlantis STS-135, takes in the view before launching away from the International Space Station.

One last look for the space shuttle

The crew of NASA's final space shuttle mission closed the hatch to the International Space Station for the final time yesterday in preparation for the shuttle's last flight back to Earth. Before floating through the shuttle's air lock for the final time, Atlantis' four crewmembers left behind two mementos to commemorate the shuttle program's 30-year history: a space shuttle model and an American flag that flew aboard Columbia on the first U.S. shuttle mission in 1981. REUTERS

On US debt: Obama has a backup plan

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama would like to see a comprehensive deficit-reduction package, but is exploring a possible fallback plan with congressional leaders to avert a debt default by Aug. 2, the White House said yesterday.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said that while Obama would prefer the biggest possible package, he is leaving room open for a safety valve to get an increase in the debt ceiling by Aug. 2, when the federal government will run out of money to pay its bills.

"We must pursue a fallback or last-ditch option," Carney said.

He also said there must be a mechanism in place to ensure the United States does not default on its debt obligations.

Obama, who set a Friday deadline for lawmakers to reach a deal on the debt ceiling, held a secret White House meeting with Republican congressional leaders on Sunday — but there were no breakthroughs, a Republican congressional aide said. **REUTERS**

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As debt talks go nowhere, world stocks dipped and gold prices hit record highs, above $1,600 an ounce.

No taxes? No deal

WASHINGTON. The White House has criticized the "cut, cap and balance" measure from Republicans, which calls for any increase in the debt ceiling to include spending cuts and caps along with a balanced budget amendment. The White House said Obama would veto the measure if it passes Congress. **REUTERS**

The insect's outdoor haven

HABITAT. These insects are commonly found around open bodies of fresh water, like ponds, and big asphalt parking lots that can resemble open water. Some species can be found in large fields away from lakes and rivers while searching for prey or migrating. MWN

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For your eyes only

▶ A damselfly hides behind a single blade of grass at a meadow near Fordwich Lakes, Canterbury.

It's all about their eyes

INSECT. With elongated abdomens and translucent wings, these insects are characteristically similar to dragonflies. However, damselflies are usually smaller and weaker fliers in comparison. In addition, damselflies have distinctively parted eyes, appearing on each side of the head. MWN

Damselfly facts

- **Remained unchanged** Damselflies and dragonflies look the same as they did in the Jurassic era – about 135 million years ago.
- **"Raptors" of insect world** They begin to hunt in bodies of water as larvae, and they sometimes take on prey as large as sticklebacks (a type of fish).

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$3.00	1854D	Up To	$10,500
$5.00	1795 Small Eagle	Up To	$52,000
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Cartier	$12,500	Jules Jurgenson	$16,000	Ladies Watches	$11,000
Corum	$3,000	LeCourtte	$6,000	Musical Watches	$37,500
Ditishiem	$14,000	Longines	$13,000	Pocket Watches	$52,500
Dudley	$11,500	Movado	$2,500	Regular Watches	$11,000
E. Howard & Co.	$12,000	Omega	$2,500	Repeating Watches	$65,000
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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Lopez 'devastated,' shoots down cheating rumors

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The fallout continues from Friday's bombshell (and sneaky before-the-weekend) announcement that **Jennifer Lopez** and **Marc Anthony** are getting a divorce. Lopez "tried everything she could to make it work," one (planted) source close to the star told Us Weekly. "They went to marriage counseling. She was patient and loving and did everything he wanted her to. She exhausted all the possibilities."

"They had a very up-and-down marriage," adds a second source/"friend" of the couple. "They would get into heated, horrible fights. Then, they would also go through times where they were extremely loving and romantic. ... It was a roller coaster with them from the beginning."

Is Levy, left, helping Lopez get over Marc Anthony? I really hope so.

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As J-Lo rebuilds and rebrands her life as a newly single mom, "she is devastated," the first source says. "Absolutely beside herself. This is someone she dedicated a long time to, and that she truly loved."

However, there is buzz around the Internet that telenovela star **William Levy** (aka the Cuban Brad Pitt with a Jewish name) who stars in Lopez's new music video, "I'm Into You," really is into the singer — but his reps are fighting down rumors that the two are an item. "The only relationship there was or is, is a professional relationship," says his rep to TMZ.com. "That's all there's ever been."

My theory? Lopez woke up one morning, looked in the mirror and realized, "Ay! Dios mio! I'm a total fox. What am I doing with this guy?" And then decided to go with someone more on her hotness wavelength.

The show goes on

Contracts must be honored! Despite their recently announced separation, **Jennifer Lopez** and **Marc Anthony** are reportedly still doing a reality show together, according to Us Weekly. "'Q'Viva,' the hotly anticipated 2012 celebration of Latin music, artistry and dance, is set to film this autumn in South America with Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony as previously announced," a rep for the show's production company tells Us Weekly. "Both Jennifer and Mark are committed to the 'Q'Viva' project and will work on it as planned. The show goes on."

The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or less.

Nicole Richie is looking to relax, Russell Crowe is making progress on his diet, Sarah Silverman is revealing her secrets and Ivanka Trump tells the world the new name of her baby girl.

@nicolerichie
Ladies, we need to find some big mouth guy to spread a rumor that sleeping all day is really sexy

@russellcrowe
220 lbs this morning, started at 236.4 lbs

@SarahKSilverman
Sometimes when I'm really lonely I talk to myself but I call myself "you guys"

@IvankaTrump
Jared and I are having so much fun playing with our daughter! Arabella Rose is beyond adorable. She's truly a blessing.

Silverman

Talking points

New princess tackles queen

Having successfully wooed Hollywood during her royal visit, **Princess Catherine** has another high-stakes trip on her schedule: spending time with **Queen Elizabeth** in Scotland at the end of August, according to the Telegraph. "This is quite an important visit for Kate because, believe it or not, the queen does not really know her very well at all," a source says. "Kate has never had an invitation before to stay at Balmoral, but she is family now and the queen wants to get to know her. The queen needs to present Kate to Scotland. The time has come."

Sheen's return to television

Charlie Sheen has confirmed that he's going to star in a new sitcom based on the movie "Anger Management." A statement was released yesterday describing the show — "a mild-mannered, non-confrontational man is ordered to attend group anger-management sessions led by a therapist who could probably use some anger management himself." In the statement, Sheen explains, "I chose 'Anger Management' because, while it might be a big stretch for me to play a guy with serious anger management issues, I think it is a great concept." The show has not been picked up by a network.

Princess Catherine

Queen Elizabeth

Justin Bieber: Wedding crasher

Justin Bieber and girlfriend **Selena Gomez** can reportedly add wedding crashing to their list of favorite activities, as the pair dropped in on a fancy Malibu wedding over the weekend, according to TMZ. Sources say Bieber and Gomez were strolling on the beach when they heard his song "One Less Lonely Girl" playing at a reception, so they decided to drop in. "We just crashed it. We heard a party so we decided to just come. So let's party," Bieber told the guests.

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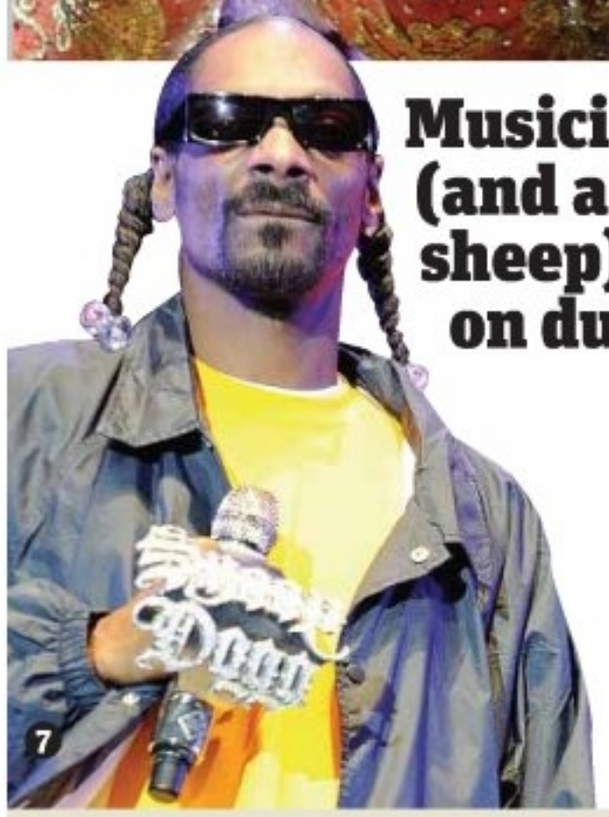

Musicians (and a few sheep) on duty

1: Dolly Parton during her "Better Day" world tour opener at the Thompson-Boling Arena on Sunday in Knoxville, Tenn.

2: You'd know that pompadour anywhere: Prince performs during his "Welcome 2 Europe" tour at the Umbria Jazz Festival Grounds on Friday night in Perugia, Italy.

3: Paul McCartney at Yankee Stadium on Saturday in New York City.

4: Robin Pecknold of Fleet Foxes during his set at the 2011 Pitchfork Music Festival in Union Park on Sunday in Chicago.

5: Toots and the Maytals perform during the 2011 Green River Festival at Greenfield Community College on Saturday in Greenfield, Mass.

6: A few sheep got into the rock 'n' roll spirit at the Latitude Festival 2011 at Henham Park Estate on Saturday in Southwold, U.K.

7: Nice mic! Snoop Dog headlined the main stage during the second day of Lovebox festival at Victoria Park on Saturday in London.

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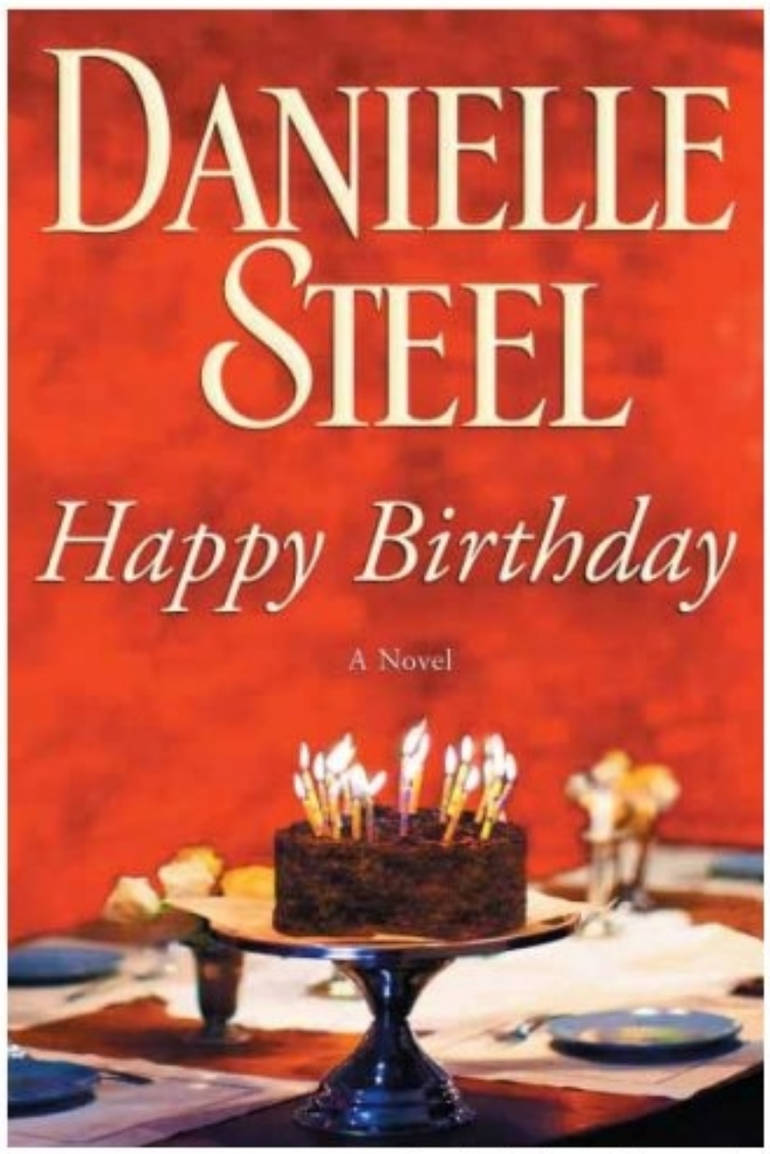
'People don't feel so alone when they read my books,' says the Queen of Romance What Danielle Steel thinks of her phenomenal success



What would summer be without a Danielle Steel book? Since 1981, her works have been a near-permanent fixture on the New York Times hardcover and paperback best-seller lists, selling over 800 million copies. Out today is this summer's tome, "Happy Birthday," which weaves the stories of three characters who must come to terms with aging. Now 63, Steel talks to Metro about what keeps her ticking.

Forbes recently named you the world's second-most powerful female writer, after J.K. Rowling and ahead of Nobel Prize-winner Toni Morrison. Is it an honor, or are women-only lists an insult?

I am honored to be on any list, female or mixed-gender, that lists me as the second-most powerful female writer or the best anything. I'm grateful for the respect for my work, whether it is from women or men and women. It would seem foolish to me to be "insulted" by praise. And coming "ahead" of a Nobel Prize winner is pretty impressive.

One of "Happy Birthday"'s main characters, April, is a successful businesswoman, but is about to turn 30 and has neither a husband nor children, which depresses her. Is this such a terrible thing for a woman of 30?

I don't think it's terrible at all to have no husband or children at 30 or any other age. Today, people make choices based on what they want. Women who don't want children don't have them, instead of feeling obliged to as they did in the past. If they don't want children, they shouldn't have them. Conversely, women who do want children but don't have a husband seem to work that out today, too. Life today is about having far more choices than we ever did before. It gives me lots to write about.

Your books have sold upward of 800 million copies, but literary types look down at authors like you. What's your reaction?

I'm not offended by "literary types" looking down their nose at commercially successful, "popular" authors. The literary world looked down at Charles Dickens and said the same about him. I write what people care about. That seems to work for me, and for my readers, 800 million of them.

Q&A

What does one of the world's most popular authors read in her downtime?

I don't want to read overly serious or depressing works that require a lot of concentration. Personally, I enjoy reading novels, and religious books to inspire me and give me a sense of peace. I want to read something that I enjoy, which I think is why people read my books as well. As a result, people don't feel so alone when they read my books.

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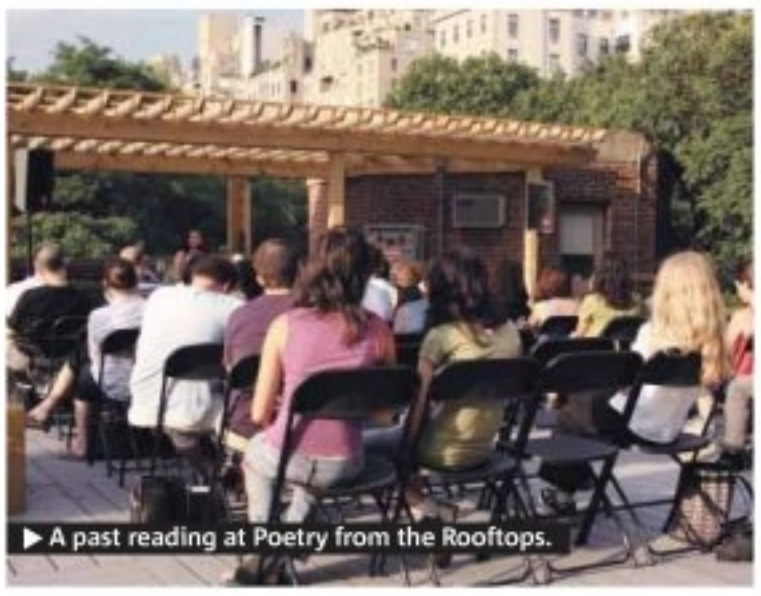
Ode to a summer's night

It's the return of the free reading series, Poetry from the Rooftops
Hear new voices from the top of the historic Arsenal Building



▶ A past reading at Poetry from the Rooftops.

The Academy of American Poets returns this summer with "Poetry from the Rooftops," which offers a lofty platform for poets to read their works to the public.

Through September, audiences can expect a monthly reading session from three poets at each event, and all poets will be presenting their own poems.

"We invite these poets as we really like their work and we feel that by bringing them together, we can offer the audience a real variety of different aesthetics," says Tree Swenson, the executive director of the Academy.

Teaming up with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, this outdoor reading series is held on the rooftop of the Arsenal Building in Central Park. For the next session on Aug. 18, poets Cedar Sigo, Rosanna Warren and Dara Wier will be reading from their selected works.

The poems they present will reflect and explore the many aspects of life in general; perfect for locals and tourists alike. "These poems are simple and real, and the audience will be able to appreciate them, whether they are Americans or tourists from other countries," says Swenson. "That is the thing about a poetry reading — it serves to delight and give pleasure to everyone."

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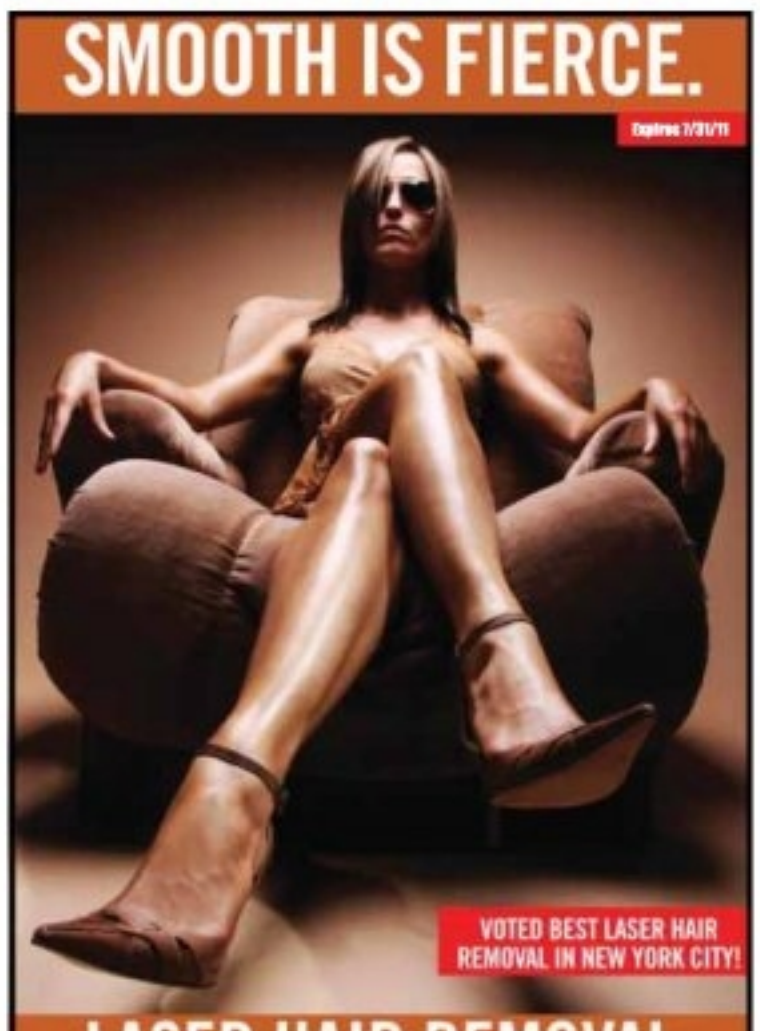
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▶ Lisa Kudrow stars in "Web Therapy."

'Web Therapy'

COMEDY. In the running for worst therapist ever, Lisa Kudrow's Fiona Wallice offers (bad) advice to her patients — including guest stars Courteney Cox and Jane Lynch — via webcam in this adaption of the darkly funny Web series. **Series premiere, 11 p.m., Showtime**

'Hell's Kitchen'

REALITY. It's so nice to see this cooking competition has reached nine seasons. It continues to boost the confidence of those of us whose culinary specialty is PB&J.
8 p.m., Fox

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Drama makes a house call

Jeff Lewis and Jenni Pulos weigh in on the new season of 'Flipping Out'
Who Lewis won't be hiring again

Everyone's favorite OCD house flipper, Jeff Lewis, is back for the fifth season of "Flipping Out," on Bravo. Lewis has a knack for bringing the drama no matter where his real estate adventures take him, and this season is no different. What is different, however, is that this season, Lewis' partner Gage is along for the ride.

"You're not going to see sex scenes, let me just tell you that right now," Lewis informs. "I'm not comfortable diving in too deep with my personal life. Frankly, I didn't even want to go there with the show, but Gage works with me and there was really no way to film around him."

Lewis' assistant, Jenni Pulos, promises "a lot of drama this year" and filled us in on her side career … as a rapper?

"I'm currently working on a kid's album," she says.

"Which will never ever happen," Lewis retorts. "She's been talking about it for six years."

The feisty duo promise that surprises are in store for this season, including the firing of two of their employees.

"One is kind of expected," says Lewis. "And then one is completely out of the blue. Something happens."

And despite what he's learned about himself from watching the show ("That I'm an asshole!"), he insists that the haters don't get to him.

"There's nothing you can say about me that I don't already know about myself. Those blogs don't bother me. There are things that I need to work on and that I do work on. I don't walk into a room and just be a jerk to be a jerk. I always start nice. Unfortunately, in my business, nice doesn't always work."

But beyond the drama, Lewis and Pulos always find a way to make their relationship work.

"We've been through a lot together," Lewis says. "We tell each other what we feel. We might raise our voices, it might be dramatic, but we get it out. We work it out, and that's what it is."

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▶ "Flipping Out" airs Tuesdays at 9 p.m. on Bravo.

Colleague concerns

When it comes to choosing his staff, Lewis generally knows what he wants (and doesn't want).

"These kids that are getting out of college, they want to be VP in three weeks and they don't get what it takes to be successful. It takes years to achieve what we're trying to achieve. … [And] you can't hire someone that's pursuing another career. If they are not interested in design and not interested in construction, then this isn't a place for them, and that's what I'm learning. And no more hiring friends or family."

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Shopping list

1. Zimmerman Posy ruffled, floral-print bikini, **$250, www.netaporter.com**
2. Kimchi Blue floral box purse **$20, www.urbanoutfitters.com**
3. Rebecca Taylor Shadow Daisy Tango dress, **$375, www.rebeccataylor.com**
4. Topshop pink floral trousers, **$60, www.topshop.com**
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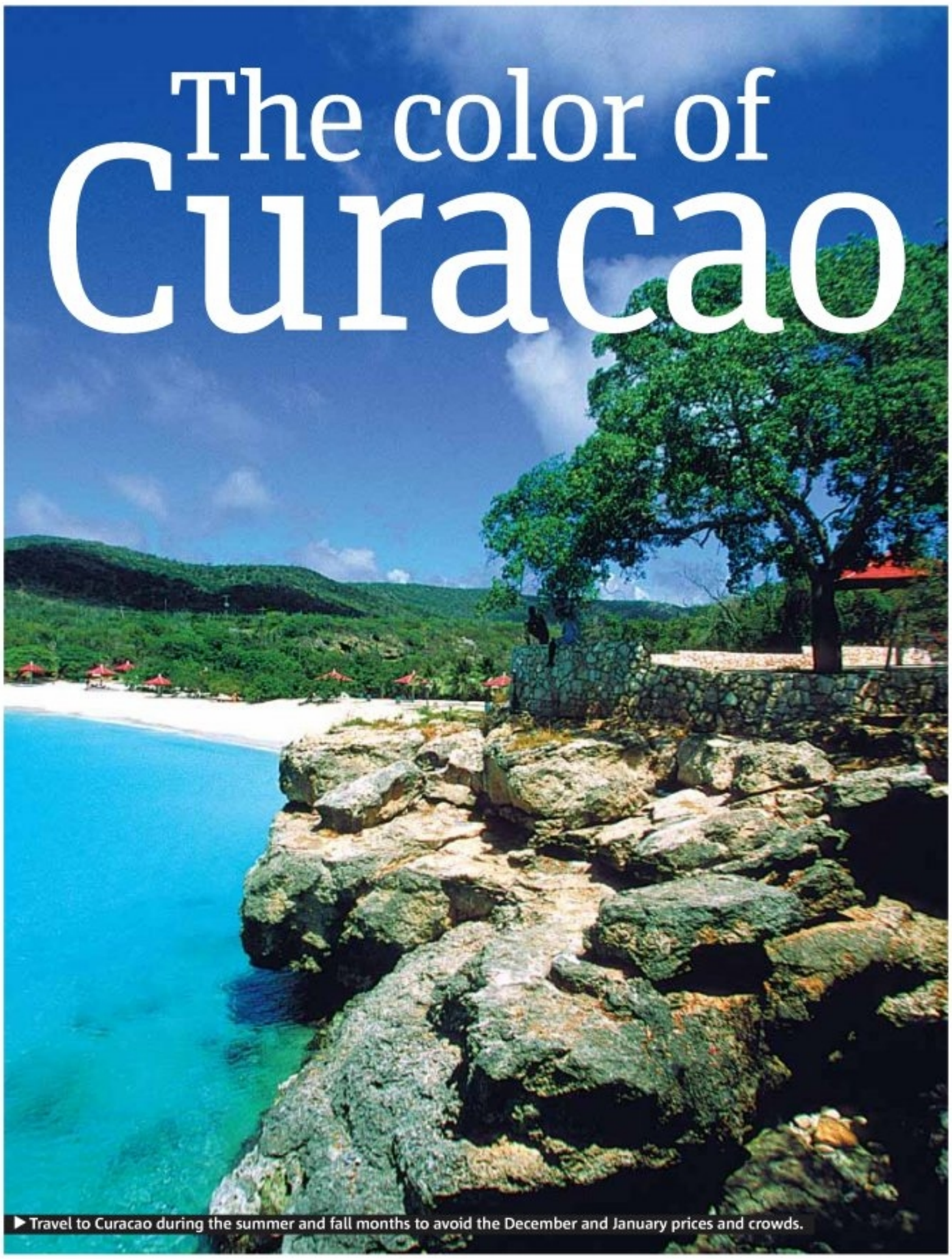

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It's my first time. What should I do?

There's a great mix of culture and relaxation in Curacao. The vibrant capital of Willemstad, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site, has mind-blowing architecture, museums and shopping, and those looking for more of an escape can choose from among 35 quiet and pristine beaches, all a short drive from wherever you're staying.

I've been before. What should I see?

If you're feeling adventurous, check out the private tours on the tiny Curasub (www.substation-curacao.com), one of only three submarines of this kind in the world that is certified for tourists. The sub avoids the dangerous pressure changes of scuba diving and offers amazing views of shipwrecks, coral and tropical fish with visibility of up to 60 feet.

What's the best way to spend a day?

Start with a tour of downtown Willemstad to see the Dutch-influenced government buildings and one of the oldest synagogues in the world. Shop at the floating Venezuelan market and grab lunch at Marshe Bieuw, the open-air market where housewives serve authentic Antillean meals. Stop by Dinah Veeris' healing herb garden, and then head to the beaches on the north coast to relax before hitting L'Aldea Brazilian Steakhouse for dinner.

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Catch some jazz with that sun

The second annual **Curacao North Sea Jazz Festival (www.curacaonorthseajazz.com)** will be held Sept. 2-3, and will feature Sting, Stevie Wonder, Earth Wind & Fire and Dionne Warwick. Local talent will perform in the week leading up to the festival at various locales around the island, including the popular party spot Mambo Beach.

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▶ Last year's North Sea Jazz Festival.

Travel tips

▶ **Cost:** Continental Airlines Vacations offers frequent deals on hotel and airfare packages. Check www.covacations.com for specials — recent deals include five night stays at luxury hotels for as little as $599, including airfare.

▶ **One local dish to check out:** All over Curacao you'll find what the locals call "snacks" — usually wooden shacks that serve authentic carry-out like the native funchi — a polenta-like comfort food consisting of half cornmeal pudding and half rice. Or try a Dutch national dish called Keshi Yena, a savory meal of Gouda cheese stuffed with meat or fish. For the more daring, locals say the iguana stew tastes like chicken.

▶ **Best place to grab a drink:** The historic Avila Hotel in downtown Willemstad is the perfect place to watch the sun set over the water while sipping on a cocktail made with Blue Curacao, the world famous blue liqueur.

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Delta cuts service to smaller US markets

Carrier cites losses tied to operating flights Smaller areas serviced under special program will feel the axe

Delta Air Lines Inc. said Friday it would pull service in some smaller U.S. markets to stem $14 million in annual losses associated with such flights.

The halt is planned for 24 markets served under the Essential Air Service program, a U.S. program created to make sure smaller cities have a minimum level of passenger air service.

The U.S. Department of Transportation provides subsidies to airlines tied to some markets under the program.

Cities affected by Delta's planned move include Watertown, S.D.; Waterloo, Iowa; and Butte, Mo., according to a list of affected cities the carrier provided on its website.

Delta said flights in the affected markets on average depart with 52 percent of seats filled, with some locations as low as 12 percent. Some flights have been operated occasionally with no passengers on board, it added.

Delta said plans to retire its Saab turboprop fleet and some 50-seat jets hamper the economics of serving the smaller and rural areas. It said the DOT would be able to select a new carrier to start service in the affected Essential Air Service areas within a 90-day period, and added it was coordinating with other carriers to bid on the routes in some cities.

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We must place fair blame

RE: "OBAMA BEING JUDGED UNFAIRLY": Finally someone understands what Obama has accomplished since he came into office. The Republicans accuse him for job loss? Who was it who lost 700,000? That's right, George W. Remember him? The one who put us in war costing billions of dollars.
VIRGINIA BENNETT, VIA E-MAIL

If only veggies tasted better

RE: "A CALL TO BAN FOIE GRAS": If reader Rosa can find me a vegetarian substitute for foie gras, then good for her. Until then, keep shoving that tube down those ducks' throats, because it is absolutely delicious!
MARK CARRIERI, VIA E-MAIL

Military not the culprit

RE: "TEN YEARS HAVE PASSED IN VAIN": Jeff, the 9/11 attacks were not caused by a military failure; it was an intelligence failure. Blame the CIA and FBI, but not military.
ROB PREMAZA, VIA E-MAIL

How can you possibly blame the military for the tragedy that occurred on 9/11?! Were we supposed to kill everyone who ever even threatened us (verbally, rhetorically, you name it) before they could act on it so that attacks would never occur. Sound familiar? Those are steps toward totalitarianism.
ANDY HALL, VIA E-MAIL

Dems: Put your money to work

For all those Democrats and the president who want to raise taxes on the wealthier among us — just write out your check and send it to the federal government to pay down the debt. Including but not limited to: Mr & Mrs. Obama; Pelosi; Reid; Geitner; any Kennedy; the Hollywood elite; Whoopie Goldberg and her pals. Let's see those checks come pouring in! Put your money where your mouth is! **JOAN BACHMAN, HAZLET, NJ**

Time to throw down, fellas

RE: "CASE IN POINT: REVOLUTION": So Mr. Flores believes "the very fabric of being American is being shredded" because a handful of our states allow gay marriage. And this is cause for a revolution? The economy, unemployment, war — these apparently don't concern him. But if two people who love each other want to marry ... revolution! **MIKE CAVALLONE, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Although you have ample smarts upon which to draw, you could be indifferent to what your common sense is telling you and, instead of using it productively, squander your brain's input.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** If you're putting a social gathering together, select friends who get along with one another. Even one misfit could spoil the enjoyment for everybody else.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Placing faith in your talents and capabilities will help make your lot in life a heck of a lot easier regardless of what you do. Conversely, if you don't think you're hot, you won't be.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Regardless of how good your intentions are, you must still be extremely careful about how you handle your close friends. One or two could still read something that you don't mean.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Be careful not to make it look like you're gratifying your personal ambitions by using your friends to get back at someone you dislike.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You should make concessions instead of causing complications. If you fail to yield to those with whom you're involved, they aren't apt to comply.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** If you're taking over a situation that another was handling poorly, do things in a manner that doesn't make it look like his or her mistakes are yours.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** You might find out that you haven't been on as firm a footing in your financial affairs as you thought you were. Unless you take steps to correct it now, things could get worse.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Even if most people you encounter seem to be bending over backward to assist you, one person in particular won't fit into this classification. She or he could be trying to block your path.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you find yourself involved with people against whom you hold an old grudge, try to forgive and forget. You're only hurting yourself by keeping the memory alive.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Know when to turn off the input of others regarding a money matter. You have a knack for finances, so don't let the negativity of others cause you to go against your conclusions.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you are indifferent to your own resourcefulness, achieving your goals may be difficult. Impressive attainment isn't likely to happen by ignoring your smarts. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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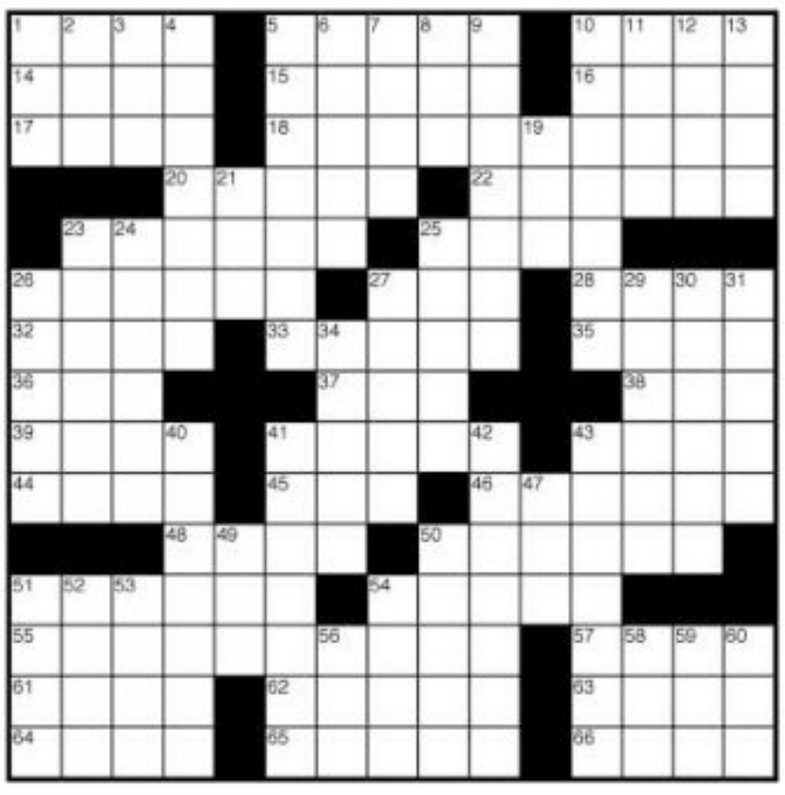

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BAY OF PIGS

Jason Bay signing turning into epic disaster for Mets
$16M man now hitting just .234 with six home runs

The scene that played out in the Mets clubhouse late Sunday afternoon was exasperation and frustration colliding head-on.

Jason Bay had completed a ghastly 0-for-4 day, with a misplayed fly ball, and Citi Field loudly expressed its displeasure.

"It's not the first time. Imagine how frustrated the fans are, do you think that I enjoy it? Do you think I'm enjoying what I'm doing out there?" Bay said. "I'm more frustrated than anybody."

He was signed to a four-year, $66 million contract in December 2009 to provide potent outfield bat to a team was coming off of a season in which it collectively hit .270, with only 95 home runs. Bay has underwhelmed. He is hitting .248 (82-for-600) with 12 homers and 75 RBI in 163 games spanning the 2010 and 2011 campaigns. In 68 games this year, he has a .234 batting average, six home runs and 28 RBI.

What has gnawed at Bay and the Mets in recent days is that he appeared to have battled through the slump prior to the seven-game California road trip that ended their first half. In 17 games from June 16 to July 5, Bay hit .352 (24-for-68) with four homers, 16 RBI and 13 runs scored. But since then he is in a 3-for-30 slump.

"Right now, the results aren't great, aren't there, but I don't feel as lost as I was early on," Bay said.

Manager Terry Collins doesn't plan to bench him.

"He needs to play," Collins said. "He needs to play to get back to where he was before the break."

Injury update

Jose Reyes played his first rehab game yesterday, following his hamstring injury, and felt fine.

Reyes went 1-for-3 with a double and a run scored for Single-A Brooklyn. He should be activated from the DL today.

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Will Bay join this list of duds?

3 Vince Coleman
Merely limiting Coleman's disastrous signing to the field would be to limit the awfulness of the decision. Sure, he hit only .270 in his Mets career and stopped stealing bases, but he also injured Dwight Gooden's arm with a golf club and injured Dodgers fans — including three children — by throwing a firecracker at them. Not a good use of $8.6 million.

2 Bobby Bonilla
How bad was this signing? The Mets will be paying him through 2035. Seriously. He signed a five-year, $29 million deal in 1992 coming off finishing third place in MVP voting. He proceeded to hit .249 and have his lowest slugging percentage since his rookie year. And because the contract contained so much deferred money, they're still paying him — with interest.

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Perez

1 Oliver Perez
What do you get when you combine a total head case, a sub-.500 career record and a three-year, $36 million contract?

Three (yes, three) wins. I'm no Billy Beane, but I'm guessing paying $12 million per win is a bad baseball investment.

If you are a Mets fan, you won't need much convincing. There are some Mets fans who are Bobby Bonilla fans to this day. There are no Mets fans who are Perez fans.

The Mets cut him loose in 2010 — though they are still paying him. But if you're missing him, he gave up seven base runners and four runs in two innings his last start ... in Double-A Harrisburg.

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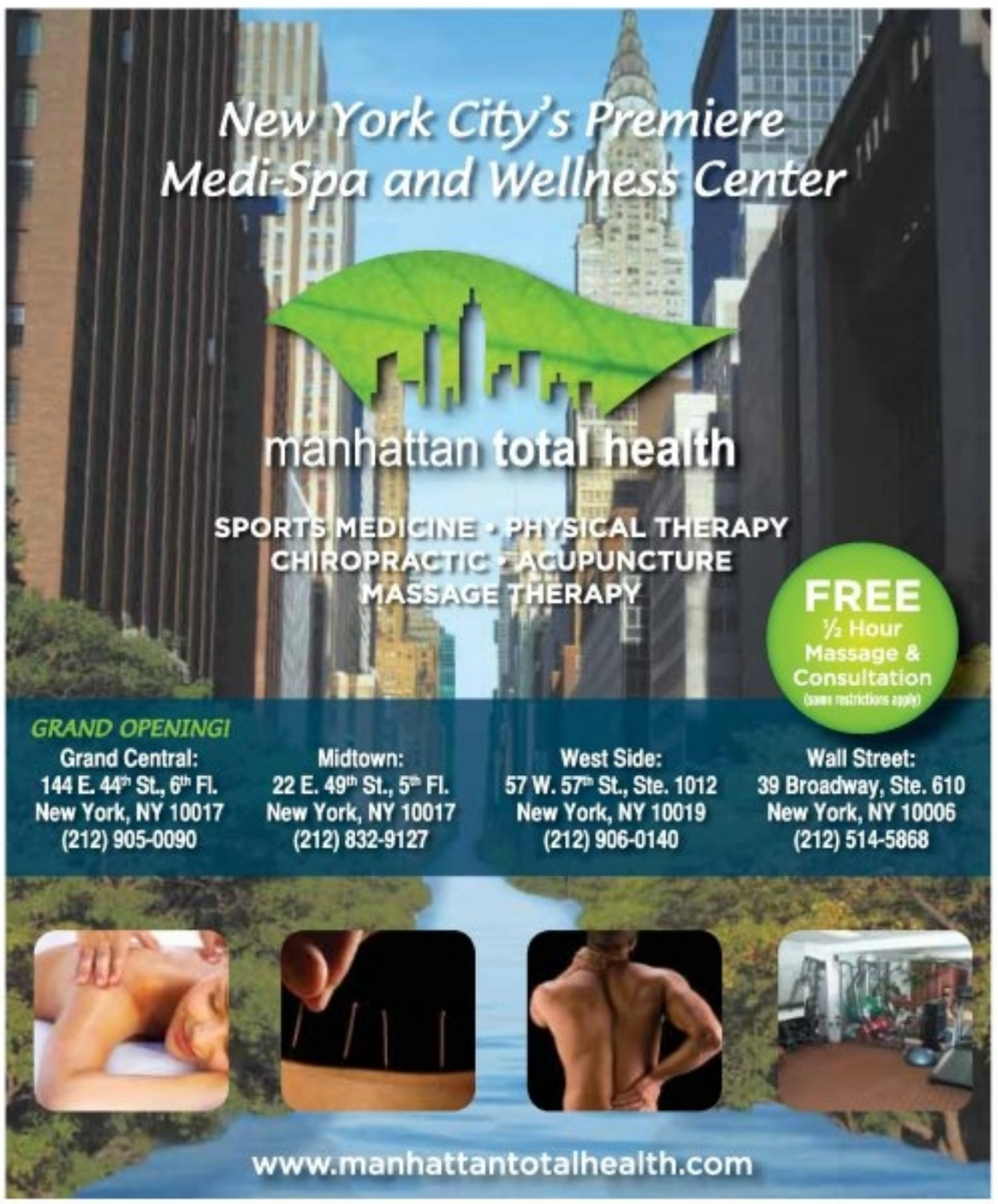
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Yanks Pena out a month

The infield is getting even thinner for the Yankees.

With Alex Rodriguez already on the disabled list, now his back-up, Ramiro Pena, can be added as well.

Pena, who is the Yankees' main middle infield replacement, had an emergency appendectomy yesterday and will miss anywhere from four to six weeks, according to the team.

Pena woke up yesterday morning and asked the Yankees trainer about stomach pains. He was taken to Tampa Hospital where the surgery was performed.

Pena has batted .080 (2-of-25) with one home run in 14 games this season. He started Sunday in place of Rodriguez at third base. Eduardo Nunez will likely get the bulk of the time at third, but the Yankees have called up third baseman Brandon Laird — younger brother of major leaguer Gerald Laird — to replace Pena. He was batting .266 with 10 homers with Triple-A Scranton-Wilkes Barre. METRO

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